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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3356

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 1635

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY, IR

SUBJ: SYRO-IRANIAN RELATIONS

1. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE FONMINISTRY SOURCE, PRESIDENT ASAD HAS BEEN SUSPRISINGLY INFLEXIBLE OVER ADVERSE IRANIAN REACTION TO SYRIAN ATTACKS ON IRAQ FOR HAVING "SURRENDERED ARABISTAN" TO IRANIAN CONTROL.

2. SOURCE STATED ASAD REFUSED TO RECEIVE SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO TEHRAN WHO RECENTLY CAME BACK TO DAMASCUS FOR CONSULTATIONS ABOUT IRANIAN REACTION. ASAD REPORTEDLY STATED "OUR POLICY IS CLEAR AND IF THE IRANIANS ARE UNHAPPY, LET THEM THROW OUT OUR AMBASSADOR." THIS, SOURCE COMMENTED, REPRESENTED AND UNCHARACTERISTICALLY TENSE AND RIGID ATTITUDE ON ASAD'S PART.
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